



## MEMORANDUM

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**DATE:** January 2, 2025

**TO:** City Council

**FROM:** Nathan Henne, City Manager

**SUBJECT:** AUTHORIZING A 21-DAY POSTING PERIOD FOR A CROP FARMING CASH RENT AGREEMENT WITH MATT DUTCHER AND KEVIN DUTCHER D/B/A SHAWNEE CREEK FARMS

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve a resolution authorizing a 21-day posting period for an agreement to lease approximately 10 acres of farm land on a cash rent basis to Matt and Kevin Dutcher for \$500.00 per year. The agreement is for a five-year term.

**BACKGROUND:**

The city has a small tract of farmable land south of the city that has been leased on a cash rent basis to Matt Dutcher and Kevin Dutcher for several years. The land is landlocked with access across farmland that the Dutchers also farm.

**FISCAL IMPACTS:**

The cash rent will generate \$500 per year from 2025-2029.

**RESOLUTION NO.**

**AUTHORIZING 21-DAY POSTING FOR  
A CROP FARMING CASH RENT AGREEMENT  
WITH MATT DUTCHER AND KEVIN DUTCHER D/B/A SHAWNEE CREEK FARMS**

WHEREAS, the city of Owosso, Michigan ("City") is a municipal corporation organized under the provisions of the Home Rule City Act, Public Act 279 of 1909, as amended, and is governed by the provisions of the Owosso City Charter adopted April 6, 1964, as amended ("Charter"); and

WHEREAS, the city owns certain tillable acreage near Hopkins Lake that would be suitable for farming; and

WHEREAS, the city is not currently utilizing the land and desires to lease the land for farming purposes; and

WHEREAS, Matt and Kevin Dutcher, doing-business-as Shawnee Creek Farms, have expressed an interest in leasing the land for a five-year period; and

WHEREAS, Charter Section 14.3 (b)(2) provides for a twenty-one day posting period to allow public inspection of the proposed lease.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the city council of the city of Owosso, Shiawassee County, Michigan that:

- FIRST: the city of Owosso is in receipt of a proposed five-year cash rent agreement for ten acres of tillable farmland near Hopkins Lake from Matt Dutcher and Kevin Dutcher, d/b/a Shawnee Creek Farms, which farm adjacent land.
- SECOND: the city council approves the posting of said agreement for a period of at least 21-days to allow for public inspection.
- THIRD: the agreement be returned to council at the meeting of February 3, 2025 for potential final determination.

**SHAWNEE CREEK FARMS LLC.  
CASH RENT AGREEMENT**

5307 S. Morrice Rd.  
Owosso MI. 48867

Matt Dutcher (989)666-1495  
Kevin Dutcher (989)666-1496

I, CITY OF OWOSSO, am renting my farm, number \_\_\_\_\_, located in section 25, of OWOSSO township in Shiawassee county MI. on a cash basis to Shawnee creek farms LLC. for the crop years of 2025 - 2029.



S.C.F. Manager \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Owner Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

CITY OF OWOSSO  
Name of Owner

38-6004723  
S. S. #

301 W MYNEN ST  
Owner address  
OWOSSO MI 48867

Shawnee Creek Farms LLC. agrees to rent ALL TO LLABR acres on A cash rent basis. Agreeing to pay a total of \$ 500.00 payable by December 31 of each year rented

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